

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

December 29, 2022

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on December 29, 2022, with mayor Doug Bertke presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll call was responded to by: Bettinger, Niekamp, Davis, Buschur, Seitz and Rutschilling.

Invocation by Seitz.

Guests included Jason Miller, Thomas Sparklin and Georgia Rindler. Other guests from the Coldwater Police Department included Adam Diller, Dave Dues, Ryan Griesdorn, Alex Schoen, Kyle Silver, Dan Speckman, Jim Stelzer, Luke Wolfe and Kevin Wynn.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to approve the minutes from December 12, 2022. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bettinger, Niekamp, Davis, Buschur, Seitz and Rutschilling. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Seitz, second by Buschur to approve the agenda. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bettinger, Niekamp, Davis, Buschur, Seitz and Rutschilling. Motion Carried.

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Miller reported that his department received 92 pounds of prescriptions at the drug drop box located at the police department in 2022. Miller also reported that his department received a payment of \$10,800 from the Ohio Criminal Justice Department for a Covid retention grant.

Finance: Eyink discussed the 2023 budget and the 2022 amended budget.

Manager: Thomas distributed the 2022 Year in Review list. He also discussed the first big snow event of the year and said a few homeowners in town had some frozen water lines due to the extreme cold.

Mayor: Bertke said 2022 was a good year and he is looking forward to a good 2023.

Research: A Research Committee meeting was held on December 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM. Present were Bertke, Thomas, Davis, Eyink, Seitz and Niekamp. Guests present were Thomas Sparklin, Annette Brunswick and Beth Butler. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the dog park now that the Village has received a grant. The dog park committee did a presentation on the potential project and discussed ways they will solicit the public for support of the project. The Research Committee agreed to recommend to council their support of the project and to discuss further at a future meeting. Thomas will get an updated quote from the fencing contractor and an estimated date for construction. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Bettinger to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bettinger, Niekamp, Davis, Buschur, Seitz and Rutschilling. Motion Carried. Time 7:06.

A motion was made by Davis, second by Seitz to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bettinger, Niekamp, Davis, Buschur, Seitz and Rutschilling. Motion Carried. Time 8:02.

Ordinance 1714: An ordinance establishing certain positions and a pay schedule for hourly and salaried employees of the Village of Coldwater, Ohio; providing for employee benefits not otherwise specified in the personnel policy manual, repealing all ordinances inconsistent herewith and declaring it an emergency. A motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Niekamp to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1714. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bettinger, Niekamp, Davis, Buschur, Seitz and Rutschilling. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Rutschilling to approve Ordinance 1714 on its third and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bettinger, Niekamp, Davis, Buschur, Seitz and Rutschilling. Motion Carried.

New Business:

Ordinance 1715: An Ordinance establishing appropriations of the Village of Coldwater for the fiscal year January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 and declaring an emergency. A motion was made by Buschur, second by Davis to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1715. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bettinger, Niekamp, Davis, Buschur, Seitz and Rutschilling. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Niekamp to approve Ordinance 1715 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bettinger, Niekamp, Davis, Buschur, Seitz and Rutschilling. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1716: An Ordinance establishing amended appropriations of the Village of Coldwater for the fiscal year January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 and declaring an emergency. A motion was made by Seitz, second by Bettinger to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1716. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bettinger, Niekamp, Davis, Buschur, Seitz and Rutschilling. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Buschur to approve Ordinance 1716 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bettinger, Niekamp, Davis, Buschur, Seitz and Rutschilling. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Davis to approve the 2023 Village Manager contract for Eric Thomas. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bettinger, Niekamp, Davis, Buschur, Seitz and Rutschilling. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Several members of council thanked the police department for all that they do for the Village of Coldwater. There were many wishes of a Happy New Year and everyone is looking forward to a great 2023.

Rutschilling said he will be attending the EMS meeting on January 17, 2023 if anyone has any concerns that need discussed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Niekamp, second by Bettinger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Attest:

Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council



Douglas Bertke, Mayor